

Patent Claims

1. Use of rotigotine [(-)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-6-[propyl[2-(2-thienyl)ethyl]amino]-1-naphthol] and its prodrugs and physiologically acceptable salts for producing a pharmaceutical agent for treating depression.
2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the depression is a unipolar depression [major depression] or a depressive episode of a manic-depressive disorder.
3. Use according to claim 1, wherein the depression is an organic depression.
4. Use according to claim 3, wherein the depression is an organic depression which is independent of Parkinson's disease.
5. Use according to claim 3, wherein the depression is a Parkinson's disease-associated depression.
6. Use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the pharmaceutical agent is provided for parenteral, transdermal or mucosal administration.
7. Use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the rotigotine is administered in a dosage of 0.5 to 50 mg per day.
8. Use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the prodrug is an ester, carbamate, carbonate, ketal, acetate, phosphate, phosphonate, sulphate or sulphonate.
9. Combination preparation for treating depression, comprising rotigotine and a further active ingredient from the group of antidepressants, antipsychotics, sedatives, anxiolytics or migraine agents.
10. Method for treating depression in a mammal, comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective quantity of rotigotine or a rotigotine prodrug or salt to said mammal.